

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

The President of ICRC receives the United Nations Peace Medal

On 5 July 1984 Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization, presented the United Nations Peace Medal to Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC.

This high distinction is a mark of esteem and reflects honour on the ICRC and on the Red Red Cross as a whole.

Readers may recall that the U.N.O. awarded its Human Rights Prize to the ICRC in 1978.

Distinguished visitors at ICRC

On 10 July 1984, Mr. Fikre Selassie Wogderess, Secretary General of the Ethiopian Provisional Military Administrative Council and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers, accompanied by Dr. Dawit Zawde, Chairman of the Ethiopian Red Cross, was received at ICRC headquarters by Mr. Maurice Aubert, Vice-President, and Mr. Jean-Pierre Hocké, Director for Operational Activities. The joint ICRC/Ethiopian Red Cross assistance action for displaced persons, under way since 1980, and ICRC protection activities for Somali prisoners of war in Ethiopia were discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), visited ICRC headquarters on the same day. He spoke with Mr. Maurice Aubert, ICRC Vice-President, and the members of the directorate on various subjects of humanitarian concern with regard to the situation in the Near East. Mr. Arafat was accompanied by Mr. Farook Kaddoomi, head of the political department of the PLO, and Mr. Nabil Ramlawi, permanent representative of the PLO in Geneva.
